Darius

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<http://history-world.org/darius_the_great.htm>

Darius I commonly known as Darius the great was the king of Persia from 522-486 B.C. Darius’s Career started off well from him belonging to a royal family, [Achaemenidae](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/achaemenidae). He did not get to become king because of his royal family but from killing the King before him. When Cambyses committed suicide in 521 B.C. Bardiya, the son of [Cyrus](http://history-world.org/cyrusIII.htm) became the King. When no one had the courage to [gainsay](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/gainsay) Bardiya and his bad ideas, Darious attempted to regain his power and become King. Later in 521 B.C. Darious took over and was the new King.

During Darius’s Kingship he did in fact accomplish many helpful things some that still go on today. For example Darius and Athens was one of the first to use gold coinage. Darius also spent time fixing and making the provinces better, which is an example of how he often took after his dad. Surprisingly Darius did allow religion other than having the people only worship him, there were Greek sanctuaries and Jewish Temples. At 512 B.C. Darius went to war with the Scythians, there were a few miscalculations and Darius’s troops had to return home. In 490 Darius’s career was starting to fall. Then in 485 B.C. Darius died after 36 years being the king.